(ग) क्या इस रेलगाड़ी की गति को बढ़ाने के लिए कोई प्रयास किए गए हैं; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इन्हें कब तक क्रियान्वित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी॰के॰ जाफ़र शरीफ़): (क) 6017/6018 कन्याकुमारी-जम्मू तवी हिम सागर एक्सप्रैस द्वारा तय की जाने वाली दूरी 3751 कि॰मी॰ है और एक दिशा में 74 घंटे 5 मिनट और दूसरी दिशा में 74 घंटे 15 मिनट का समय लेती है।

(ख) 6017/6018 हिम सागर एक्सप्रैस सुपरफास्ट गाड़ी नहीं है। इस गाड़ी की औसत गति 50.5 कि॰मी॰ प्रति घंटा है।

(ग) पथ, टर्मिनल और अन्य परिचालनिक कारणों से हिम सागर एक्सप्रैस की गति को बढ़ाना फिलहाल व्यावहारिक नहीं है

Lack of basic facilities in Railway Officers' Rest House, Dibrugarh

7210. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the present Railway Officers' Rest House at Dibrugarh has been lying in completely dilapidated state and lacking in basic facilities like drinking water, geysers, catering etc. for the last several years, resulting in Railway Officers visiting Dibrugarh avoiding it and staying in retiring rooms;

(b) whether the said rest house is mainly occupied by junior railway officers/staff on regular posting to Dibrugarh, doing self-cooking with kerosene stoves inside the rooms, which is gravely hazardous from safety angles;

(c) whether concerned Inspector of Works/ Assistant Engineer Incharge of the said rest house has been totally indifferent towards its maintenance and in ensuring the availability of its chowkidar/caretaker, who remain mostly absent;

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above in the affirmative, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(e) whether Government propose to renovate/remodel the said rest house and provide necessary amentities therein; if so, by when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. Geysers are not provided but other facilities like drinking water etc. are available.

(b) No, Sir. However, some newly posted officers do stay in the rest house for short durations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As the rest house is in satisfactory conditions and has been provided with suitable facilities, there is no plan for renovation of Officers' Rest House at present.

Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee of N.F. Railway

7211. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) of N.F. Railway was reconstituted on the 1st October, 1994, with retrospective effect although nominations to it were processed much later, in December/January last;

(b) whether formation of the said ZRUCC is not complete, as several nominations to it are yet to be received by N.F. Railway; if so, the details of such cases;

(c) whether no meeting of the said ZRUCC has been held so far, although more than 7 months of its 2 years' tenure have alreay lapsed whereas it is mandatory to hold 3 meetings every year, and thus the said ZRUCC has remained non functional so far; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above in the affirmative, whether Government propose to revise its tenure to be effective from a current date, to give it a practical shape and ensure holding of mandatory 3 meetings by it every year; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees/N.F. Railway has been constituted w.e.f. 1.10.1994. The proposal sent by General Manager/N.F. Railway suggesting nomination of persons in various categories was approved and communicated to N.F. Railway on 3.10.94.

(b) State Legislatures and State Governments of Assam, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur, Agriculture Associations of Assam and West Bengal and Consumer Protection Organisation of Assam have not sent nomination of the persons to be given representation on these Committees.

(c) and (d) The meeting could not be held due to two Parliament Sessions falling in beteen and the nominations having also not been received from various sources as indicated in part (b) above. However, the meeting is no scheduled to be held in the 3rd week of June, 1995. There is no proposal to revise the tenure of this Committee.

Liquor shops at Dibrugarh Railway Station

7212. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of unauthorised/illegal liquor shops, run by certain railway employees selling liquor round the clock to railway passengers and others, exist in front of Dibrugarh railway station of N.F. Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said liquor shops have been existing for the last several years, causing complete vitiation of atmosphere in Dibrugarh station premises, round the clock disturbance to family quarters of railway staff situated nearby as well as running room staff/occupants and yet railway administration has failed to remove the said liquor shops; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose any remedial steps in this regard; if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such activity has been brought to the notice of the Railway Administration.

(c) As a precautionary measure a close watch is kept in the area to prevent any such activity.

समस्तीपुर से दरभंगा तक छोटी लाइन का बड़ी लाइन में बदल जाना

7213. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार समस्तीपुर से दरभंगा तक छोटी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक बदले जाने की संभावना है; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफ़र शरीफ): (क) जी हां।

(ख) वित्तीय वर्ष 1995-96 के भीतर।

Proposal for Computerised Rail Reservations in the Country

7214. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: will the of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to computerise Rail Reservations throughout the country;

(b) if so, the target date fixed for providing the facilities at every station where it is needed; and

(c) the details of progress made in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIFF): (a) to (c) about 92% of the reservation workload on the Indian Railways has been computerised. This covers all the stations where 300 or more reservations are dealt with per day. The total number of locations where the computerised reservation facilities are available is 240 inclusive of stations and satellite locations. In the annual Plan for 1995-96 the provision of these facilities at 30 more locations has been included.

कालका-शिमला मार्ग पर रेल किराये में कमी किया जाना

7215. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश में कालका-शिमला तथा पठानकोट जोगिन्दर नगर मार्ग पर चलने वाली रेलगाड़ियों के किराए में इस वर्ष से कमी कर दी गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो श्रेणीश: कालका-शिमला और पठानकोट-जोगिन्दर नगर का किराया पहले कितना लगता था और अब कितना लगता है; और